

**RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2011  
6:00 P.M.**

The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 W 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Bostic called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., with Allen Shelton, Bob Bridges, Bill Goins and Cindy Humphrey answering role call. Councilman Buckley entered the meeting later. Also present were City Attorney, Ron Wilson, Melissa Conrad, *Rushville Republican*, and Mike Selke, WIFE Radio.

**MINUTES \* \* \* \***

Minutes of the December 21, 2010 meeting were presented for approval. Shelton made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Goins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT \* \* \* \***

Last Wednesday the Mayor attended an open house for Dustin and Ryan Smith. Both gentlemen currently serve in the military. Dustin was in Iraq and presented the Mayor with a flag that flew over Afghanistan on July 25, 2010 during a reconnaissance and convoy security mission in the Pesch River Valley, Nuristan Province along with a signed plaque. This will be displayed at City Hall.

The first phase for 16<sup>th</sup> Street will be next Wednesday. The stop light is not scheduled to be put in at 16<sup>th</sup> Street at this time.

**CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT \* \* \* \***

Copley passed out an ordinance adopting the supplement to the Code of Ordinances for review. This will be acted upon at the next meeting.

Copley also passed out documentation regarding the financial situation of the general fund. She said in 2010 the revenue was \$3,803,791.81 and the expenditures were \$3,934,203.36. This was \$130,411.55 more in expenditures than received in revenue.

She also continued to inform Council and the Department Heads of the decrease in revenues received by the City. Copley showed the last 4 years beginning balances for the general fund:

2011	=	\$ 865,187.81
2010	=	\$ 995,599.36
2009	=	\$1,191,761.30
2008	=	\$1,245,185.62

She also passed out a list of encumbrances to carry forward from 2010 in the total amount of \$214,458.34. Goins made a motion to approve the encumbrances. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT \* \* \* \***

Goins said the Winston Terrell Group has secured another grant for the Fire Department for turn out gear. They continue to look for grants and are also looking for new revenues for the City.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS \* \* \* \***

**Police** – Cameron reported on the 20 mile an hour speed limit on Main Street. He said they hope to have the 30 mile an hour sign up in the next few days. He said while the men are working they will put the 20 mile an hour sign back up.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS \* \* \* \***

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS \* \* \* \***

None.

**NEW BUSINESS \* \* \* \***

**Hiring Freeze** – Bostic said that he wanted to caution Council that if they implement the hiring freeze they need to make sure they have some lead way for replacement of dispatchers, etc. He also said that the insurance company has informed us that there is a liability issue if there are not 2 officers on duty at one time.

Craig Tucker spoke on behalf of the Police Department. He said that they have been understaffed for some time and they were just getting by. He urged Council not to implement the hiring freeze.

*Councilman Buckley arrived at the meeting.*

Reverend Jerry Holman of the Rushville Church of Christ said that he had suffered a cardiac arrest and was so thankful that there were emergency people available to assist him and save his life.

Phil Starkey urged the City Council to consider replacing police officers, but not to add additional officers in this time when finances were low.

Cameron said a year ago they had one officer working drugs, but has had to re-assign the officer to a regular shift because of the shortage of men.

Goins said he wanted to make it clear that this was possible hiring freeze was not aimed mainly toward the Police Department, but would include all departments.

Bridges said this was not against any one department. It was just a budgetary matter.

Humphrey said Council has been looking very hard at the consideration of a temporary hiring freeze. She stated that this is not something that Council wants to do, but we want to be able to fund the employees that we currently have. She said Council is looking into all aspects.

Bridges said the freeze would be revisited every few months.

Cameron then said that Alex Shafer was already scheduled to get a Perf physical this Thursday and wanted to know if he could go ahead and send him. After some discussion, Goins made a motion to allow Cameron to send Shafer to get his physical. Buckley seconded the motion. Motion carried with a vote of 3-2. Bridges and Humphrey voted "nay".

**Department Liaisons** – Bostic named the following department liaisons:

Police -	Allen Shelton
Fire -	Bill Goins
Street -	Cindy Humphrey
Park -	Mike Buckley
Animal-	Bob Bridges

**Mayor Appointments:**

Alcohol Beverage Board - Reappointed Joe Keith.

Park Board – Reappointed Liz Crane.

Utility Board – Reappointed Joe Malcom.

**Council Appointments** – Buckley made a motion to re-appoint Bill Goins to the ECDC Board. Shelton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Goins made a motion to re-appoint Cindy Humphrey to the Solid Waste Board. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Claims** – Buckley made a motion to approve the month end claims as presented. Shelton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There was no further business to come before Council; Buckley made a motion to adjourn. Shelton seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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MERVYN R. BOSTIC, MAYOR

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ALLEN W. SHELTON, MEMBER

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ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MEMBER

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MICHAEL BUCKLEY, MEMBER

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WILLIAM R. GOINS, MEMBER

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CINDRA K. HUMPHREY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER